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Subject: Drafts Sections of the Phase I Progress Report, Drafts of the 10 Alternatives

Using input from BDAC and from Workshop 5, the Program has been working steadily to combine and refine the twenty alternative solutions to create a list of ten. During the first week of April, we will publish a Phase I Progress Report explaining the new list of ten and summarizing Phase I progress.

Attached for your review is the Program Overview section of the Phase I Progress Report, along with information to be included in some of the Report's key charts. Please pay particular attention to the description of the Program's process. At Workshop 5 on February 26th, many questions arose about the process of developing and refining alternatives, making it clear that we have yet to explain this process adequately. This Program Overview attempts to correct that omission by providing a clear and thorough explanation. I look forward to your assessment of how well this section meets that aim.

Also attached for your review are the following documents relating to the alternatives:

- ▶ **Table:** This table offers basic information about the alternatives in an easy-to-scan format.
- ▶ **Matrix:** This matrix makes it possible to compare the alternatives, their emphases, and their main actions.
- ▶ **Overviews of Alternatives:** You will find several pages of narrative describing each alternative.

These documents are rough drafts capturing the ten alternatives as we currently envision them. Between the date of this memo and the end of the month, we will continue to revise both the content and the presentation of the alternatives. As you read these

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California Environmental Protection Agency
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Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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documents, please remember that the alternatives you see at the BDAC meeting and in the Phase I Progress Report will look and sound somewhat different from those attached here. As you can see from the meeting agenda included in this packet, you will have the opportunity at the BDAC meeting to comment on the alternatives.

If you have any questions about the attached documents, please do not hesitate to call me or other CALFED staff people.